

ELECTION FUSS BRINGS ABOUT FOUR ARRESTS

Fred Gardiner is Under Bail Charged With Felony in Procuring Alleged Illegal Registration of Savannah Robinson

CITY EMPLOYEE ALSO IN TOILS

William Solly is Charged With Having Caused Girl to Vote Knowing Her Not to Be Twenty-one Years Old

IN THE CITY COURT OF THE CITY OF PHOENIX, MARICOPA COUNTY, STATE OF ARIZONA.

Having and Exercising the same Jurisdiction as Justices of the Peace of Maricopa County, Arizona, in all cases of violation of the laws of Arizona, committed within the said precincts.

The State of Arizona against Fred Gardiner, Defendant. Complaint.

Personally appeared before me this 25th day of March, 1916, George D. Christy, city attorney of said City of Phoenix, Maricopa County, State of Arizona, who being first duly sworn, complains and says that he is credibly informed and verily believes and therefore charges that one Fred Gardiner, on or about the 24th day of February, 1916, at said City of Phoenix, Maricopa County and State of Arizona, committed a felony as follows, to-wit:

That he, the said Fred Gardiner, did then and there knowingly, wilfully, feloniously and unlawfully cause and procure one Savannah Robinson to be registered as an elector of the City of Phoenix, State of Arizona, she, the said Savannah Robinson, not being then and there of the age of twenty-one years, nor entitled to such registration, but being under the age of twenty-one years, to-wit, of the age of eighteen years and no more, as he, the said Fred Gardiner, then and there well knew.

All of which is contrary to the form of the Statutes in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the said State of Arizona.

GEORGE D. CHRISTY.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of March, 1916.

JOHN MERRIDE,

City Magistrate.

On a warrant charging a felony and based on the foregoing complaint, Fred Gardiner, former city hall janitor, was arrested yesterday morning. Before City Magistrate John McBride he was admitted to bail in the sum of \$500. His attorney, L. M. Laney, choice of Hugh Dugas for city attorney, but who failed of election to the office, became responsible for Gardiner's appearance until a bail bond could be secured. The necessary bond, signed by three sureties, I. Rosenzweig, Perry Payne and Gardiner, was presented by Gardiner and accepted by Judge McBride late in the afternoon. A hearing will be held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon at which time Gardiner expects that Reese M. Ling will be present to act as chief counsel.

Late last night William Solly was arrested by the police on a warrant charging him with having taken Savannah Robinson to the polls.

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GERMANS GRADUALLY FORGING IRON RING AROUND VERDUN FORT

SLAUGHTER JURY STILL DISAGREEING

OROVILLE, Cal., April 1.—The jury which is trying to reach a verdict in the trial of Rev. Madison Slaughter charged with assault on Miss Gertrude Lamson, of Chico, was locked up tonight at 9:45 o'clock. Foreman C. M. Davis said there had been no change in the situation. The jury reported today to Judge Gregory they had been unable to agree but were sent back to the jury room for further deliberation. The foreman said tonight the jury still stood as on the first ballot when they were eight for conviction and four for acquittal.

GERMANY SAYS NO INFORMATION ON EXPLOSIONS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The German government has informed ambassador Gerard that it is without official confirmation concerning the explosions which damaged the British Channel steamer Sussex and sunk the British horse ship Englishman, both of which were carrying American citizens.

In a dispatch dated Thursday and reaching the state department today Mr. Gerard said the German government had only newspaper report on the two cases and was making an investigation which might be concluded within three or four days. The Berlin foreign office promised to inform Mr. Gerard when the inquiry is completed. It is realized here it may be a week before all the German submarine commanders who might have been concerned had opportunity to report.

Meanwhile the state department's own investigation into the case of the Sussex and the other ships which, while carrying American citizens, recently have been overtaken by disaster, will be continued. Secretary Lansing said today he had received no new dispatches of importance but additional information is hourly expected.

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REPORT ON AVIATION SERVICE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The report of the special army commission appointed to investigate the aviation service was laid before Secretary Baker today by General Scott, chief of staff.

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Massed Attacks from Two Directions Establish Lines Nearer Doomed Fortress; Successfully Penetrate the French Lines

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

The Germans are gradually closing in on Verdun, drawing their lines a little closer northeast of the fortress, where by massed attack from two directions they have secured a footing in the village of Vaux.

Their successful attempt to penetrate the French lines was preceded, according to Paris, by an assault that was checked by the French curtain of fire and the infantry, and there was spirited fighting at close quarters before the crown prince's forces finally succeeded in pressing part way into the village.

The German infantry has not moved from its trenches west of the Meuse since the capture of Malancourt, followed shortly by unsuccessful efforts at the French positions northeast of Hill No. 235, in the region of Dead Man's Hill. The artillery, however, continues active in the Malancourt region, and further attempts by the Germans to continue their drive on the French left flank are considered probable to occur without much delay.

The German official statement refers only incidentally to the fighting about Verdun, mentioning only artillery duels there and in the Argonne with other activity by the big guns on the Aisne front and further north on the line. A British hand grenade attack near St. Eloi, where the Germans recently lost some ground, was repulsed.

The aviators on both sides of the Franco-Belgian front have been busy. Four French machines fell victims to German aircraft in various engagements. After a period of bad weather, fighting has been resumed on the Austro-Italian front. For the most part, however, the activities are confined to artillery engagements and such infantry clashes as have occurred have not resulted in changes of positions.

Berlin summarizes the recent Russian offensive, now apparently at a standstill, as barren of results for Emperor Nicholas's forces, while the Russian casualties are estimated by the German headquarters staff to have been at least 140,000. More than 500,000 men were engaged on the Russian side, according to Berlin, and the expenditure of ammunition by the attacking forces is declared to have been on an unprecedented scale for the eastern front.

The air raids of Friday night over the English east coast were apparently on the most extensive scale yet attempted by the German Zeppelin fleet. They resulted, according to the official British reports, in the killing of twenty-eight persons and injury of forty-four, while unofficially it is declared that the airships flew at such a height that they were unable to select their targets with accuracy and many of the seventy-five bombs dropped appeared to have been cast indiscriminately.

The salient feature of the raid was the falling of the damaged Zeppelin.

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Not Against Any Power

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

BERLIN, April 1.—The new measures taken by Holland are not directed against any power in particular, and neither Germany nor the entente

powers have reason to be uneasy about them. They are dictated merely by prudence in view of the apparently increased possibility that Holland might eventually become involved in the war and have no other purpose than to further maintenance of strictest neutrality.

The foregoing is the substance of information received by Baron Gevers, the Dutch minister to Germany, this morning, with instructions to communicate it to the German foreign office. The Baron went immediately to the foreign office upon receipt of his instructions. The Dutch minister emphasized the fact that the measures only were dictated by prudence and indicated no intention on the part of Holland to change its course.

Private advices reaching here from Holland connect the new measures directly with the discussions at the Paris conference of the entente allies regarding their future economic attitude toward Holland.

The Associated Press learns that the new situation indicated by Holland's increased watchfulness is regarded not only without uneasiness but even with a certain degree of satisfaction in official German circles.

Say Schiller Planned To Dynamite Cunard Steamship

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

NEW YORK, April 1.—Charged with attempting to place dynamite on the Cunard line steamship Pannotta, Clarence Hudson, also known as Ernest Schiller, the German spy, was taken into custody by British police.

He was taken into custody by British police, who took possession of the British steamer Matoppe at sea, last Wednesday night was locked up tonight at police headquarters. According to the police, Hudson and three other men planned to blow up the Pannotta on the night of March 31 while she was moored in the North river.

Hudson admitted he had used a motor boat in which dynamite was stored, but refused to state where the launch or the explosive could be found. A trunk belonging to him was confiscated at the boarding house in Hoboken where he lived, but information as to its contents was refused.

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ARMY INCREASE BILL CALLS FOR LENGTHY DEBATE

Talks All Day Without Any Indication of When Mass of Amendments Will Be Submitted for Consideration

DEBATE WILL GO OVER FOR WEEK

Senator Pomerene Defends Section Calling for Militia Division on the General Staff; Get Full Use of the Guard Then

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The senate debated the army increase bill again all day today without any indication as to when work would begin on the mass of pending amendments. As yet Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the military committee, has made no effort to limit general discussion, which began yesterday, as it probably will continue several days at least before amendments are taken up.

Senator Borah told the senate he had found an insurmountable constitutional barrier against the proposal in the bill for federalization of the national guard. He gave many legal citations to support his contention that under the constitution congress has no power to enforce the discipline it has authority to prescribe. Should any state refuse to appoint officers or to train national guardsmen, he said, congress would be without any recourse. It could neither have training for the guardsmen itself or compel the state to act, and it could not empower the president to appoint officers or compel the state to appoint them.

Senator Cummins and Senator Lewis sharply disagreed with Senator Borah. Senator Lewis attacked the senate bill provision for a force of federal volunteers, saying it was aimed at the national guard and would destroy it if enacted. The Illinois senator asserted that the ambition of regular army officers to rise to deserved promotions was wholly responsible for the volunteer army proposal. Because the nation was resolved not to maintain a large standing army and since the constitution barred these graduates of West Point from commands in the national guard, he said, they naturally sought an avenue of escape.

Senator Pomerene defended his amendment proposing creation of a national guard section of the army general staff. While regular officers looked with disfavor on the guard, he said, no accurate report as to the guard's condition and fitness could be expected from them. Only by appointing national guard officers to the staff, he added, could the full use of the state soldiers be assured.

Senator Brandegee added to the mass of amendments now pending a proposal to make the maximum peace strength of the army 250,000 instead of 180,000 as proposed in this bill. Senator Gore submitted as an amendment his bill proposing that a military training course be provided for any high school with an attendance of more than fifty boys above 16 years of age, the government to pay two fifths of the salary of a military instructor. More than 100,000 boys could be brought under training in this way, he said.

Another feature of national preparedness was considered today by the house commerce committee with Secretary Redfield testifying in support of the lighthouse appropriation bill.

The secretary said the 25 seagoing buoy boats now in service could be available as mine layers or sweepers in time of war. Their drag equipment for locating pinnacle rocks, he added, would be invaluable for mine sweeping or to trap hostile submarines.

The house naval committee was not in session. Secretary Daniels is expected to continue his testimony Monday when the hearings will be resumed. Chairman Padgett hopes to have the navy bill before the house two weeks later.

HEAVY WEEK OF EXPORTS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

NEW YORK, April 1.—Exports of merchandise from the port of New York for the week ended today valued at \$78,753,339, the heaviest ever exported for a single week in the history of international trade, it was announced. The best previous record was made in the week ended December 31 last, when goods valued at \$70,371,484 left this port for foreign countries.

PROGRESSIVE CALL

To the Progressive Electors of Maricopa County, Arizona:

A meeting of all progressives interested in selecting delegates to a state convention to be held at El Paso on April 8 at which delegates to the progressive national convention to be held at Chicago on June 7, are to be selected, is hereby called at the Knights of Pythias Hall on Monday, April 3 at two p. m.

J. B. ALEXANDER

DWIGHT B. HEARD

H. B. WILKINSON

DODD'S CAVALRY AND AIRMEN SEARCH EVERY GORGE, WATERING PLACE AND TRAIL FOR VILLA

RIDING MERCILESSLY DODD'S TROOPERS ARE HOT ON VILLA'S TRAIL

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

COLUMBUS, N. M., April 1.—Riding mercilessly, four hundred American troopers under Colonel George A. Dodd, are making desperate efforts to capture or wipe out the survivors of Francisco Villa's largest command, which they defeated at San Geronimo ranch several days ago, according to meagre reports seeping across the border today.

The speed and the relentlessness with which the pursuit is being made is indicated, according to army men here, by the fact that General Pershing, who last reports said, was speeding from Namiqipa across desert trails and through mountain passes to the scene of action, has not even taken time to make a detailed report of the engagement. Nor was any word received from Colonel Dodd, although service at the army wireless station here, interrupted by climatic conditions, was resumed today.

Military headquarters here made this statement: "No details of the engagement have been received. The only messages received from the south were of purely routine nature and in none of them was the engagement mentioned."

THREE MORE AMERICANS FALL

VICTIMS OF VILLA IN CARRYING

OUT THREAT TO KILL 'GRINGOS'

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

EL PASO, April 1.—The story of the murder of three Americans, a German and an Englishman, at Minaca was brought here today by Americans arriving from Chihuahua City and was accepted as authentic by Federal officials. The bandits victims were Benjamin Snell, Dr. A. T. Stell, Lee Lindesley, Americans; Herman Blankenburg, a German; Donald McGregor, also known as Bruce, a British subject. Two other Americans, Henry Acklin and Frank Woods, were in Minaca at the time but their fate is unknown. The news was brought to Chihuahua City by J. H. Locke, the only American known to have escaped the massacre.

According to the story, Villa captured Minaca, Guerrero and San Isidro last Monday. Everywhere he went he announced his intention of putting to death every "gringo" that fell into his hands and he carried out his intention. As far as the Mexicans were concerned the bandits promised safety to all those who did not take up arms against him. No quarter was shown to Carranza troops who attempted to resist him.

The one gleam of light in the dark story is the probability that Villa's list of blood is what enabled Colonel Dodd to deliver his crushing blow at San Geronimo ranch two days after the crime of Minaca, a blow that has raised high hopes that the bloodthirsty brigand's days are now numbered.

According to the refugees, General Luis Herrera left Chihuahua early on Tuesday with a large number of troops. His destination was not made public. There were numerous reports in El Paso today that Villa was already captured. Some of these were very circumstantial but not one of them was capable of verification. The wish being father to the thought was apparently the basis for most of the stories.

It was in the raid on Guerrero last Monday that Villa was wounded, being shot in the knee, according to a message received today by General Gaviro at Juarez from General Gutierrez, telegraphing from Chihuahua City. Gaviro had asked for further information about Colonel Dodd's battle.

Gutierrez explained that the wires were working badly on the Southern loop and he had only the bare details of what had happened. But the telegram received said that Villa broke into Guerrero at three o'clock Monday morning. The garrison engaged the assailants in heavy street fighting. A number were killed on both sides. Then the Villistas looted the stores. Villa was wounded in the knee.

Telegrams from Chihuahua City in Juarez today said that a freight and a passenger train on the Northwestern railroad had been wrecked some weeks ago